



MURGON MOMENTS

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MURGON at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the great South Burnett.



This was not part of the organized roster of social events to be carried out by the Australian team of NRL legends : Cliff Lyons, Bryan Niebling, Robbie O'Davis, Kerry Boustead, Ben Hannant, Scott Hill, Nathan Blacklock, Chris Walker, Craig Tevan, Terry Matterson, Ashley Harrison, Noel Goldthorpe, Stu Kelly, Kevin Champion and Steve Lacey, when they caught up with Councillor Kathy Duff in the Murgon Services Club.

Kathy was knocked off her feet to be with and meeting up with local Bryan Niebling - 'Horse' Niebling who was a constant thorn in the side of NSW forwards during the titanic State of Origin clashes of the early 1980s. His career in the State of Origin arena saw him make 9 appearances while playing for Valleys and Redcliffe. Niebling made his Test debut in the second row against Great Britain in 1984, and ultimately played in all three matches of Australia's Ashes whitewash. A co-winner of Brisbane's Rothmans Medal in 1986 he toured with the unbeaten Kangaroos and played in 10 matches including all five Tests. He later played for Hull KR in 1989-91, and another great Cliff Lyons an indigenous Australian former international rugby league footballer of the 1980s and 1990s. A Clive Churchill Medallist and two-time Dally M Medallist, he made 309 first-grade appearances with the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, winning grand finals with them in 1987 and 1996. Inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2018. Plus all these other legends named above.

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Take a snapshot of our Places of Pride

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging local organisations to ensure Wide Bay's servicemen and women are remembered long into the future, by adding their war memorials to the Australian War Memorial initiative *Places of Pride*.

Places of Pride is an online national register of war memorials that will record the locations and images of every publicly accessible memorial in Australia, which Mr O'Brien said would remind Australians that, irrespective of distance, the stories told at the Australian War Memorial are those of our communities across the length and breadth of the country.

"I strongly encourage everyone to take part in this initiative and contribute images of their community's memorials, so that the sacrifices made are never forgotten," Mr O'Brien said.

"This is a call to every RSL, local council, school, and community group to take a photograph and upload it - the more the better."

The interactive online register will be the basis of a stunning new display in the proposed expanded galleries of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

"Visitors will be able to search the name of their town on the website, whether they're from Murgon, Noosa, Maryborough or Gympie, and see their memorial come to life".

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said it was incredibly important to instil an ongoing sense of remembrance and respect in future generations of Australians.

"The way in which Australia commemorates our servicemen and women is just one of the many ways in which we publicly say to our ex-service community, thank you for your service," he said.

Through *Places of Pride* the Australian War Memorial aims to connect all Australians, united by pride and loss, with each of these memorials from the Boer War through to Afghanistan.

Place of Pride can be found at: <https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au>.

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SOUTH BURNETT HIDE PROCESSING BUSINESS BEEFED UP

Jobs opportunities in Queensland's South Burnett region have been beefed up thanks to an upgrade of the Teys Australia Murgon cattle hide processing facility.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the expansion involved the construction of a sixth raceway at the Murgon facility, which will increase local capacity to process beef cattle hide for international and domestic businesses.

"This expansion will increase production and create more employment opportunities at the Teys Australia Murgon facility, providing a welcome boost to the local economy," Mr O'Brien said.

"This project is a perfect example of the Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government's commitment to working with local business to deliver economic growth and strengthen our regional communities. As well as supporting seven jobs during construction, the expanded site is expected to support up to 12 ongoing jobs."

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the expansion will bolster Queensland's reputation as a producer of high-quality cattle hide.

"The facility in Murgon does excellent work, processing and adding significant value to raw hides. Their high-quality hides are proudly delivered to customers worldwide, where they are turned into finished leather for the automotive, furniture, luggage and footwear industries," Mr McCormack said.

"Queensland's agricultural industry is made up of many businesses that process locally grown products for market. This expansion will enable the Murgon facility to increase production on hides received from Teys' primary processing sites from across the state."

The \$567,406 project was jointly funded with the Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government investing \$267,406 and Teys Australia Murgon Pty Ltd \$300,000.

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Wide Bay tourism industry continues to boom

Strong domestic and international traveller numbers are providing a boost to the Wide Bay economy, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said.

Mr O'Brien said the latest International Visitor Survey results showed Fraser Coast continued to be a major tourist hotspot for domestic travellers, with a 24 per cent increase on last year's domestic visitor numbers.

In the year to September 2018 we've seen 740,000 domestic visitors visit the Fraser Coast's attractions including Fraser Island and Maryborough, which is a remarkable increase and provides a significant boost to our local economy," Mr O'Brien said.

"We have also seen international tourism to the Sunshine Coast jump by nine per cent, which is great news for local businesses and the local economy who benefit from every dollar international travellers spend.

"Wide Bay is filled with unique attractions that cater to all types of travellers, from our beautiful beaches, the stunning hinterland areas to our fascinating heritage. "These visitor numbers are a testament to our local tourism operators and show that Wide Bay has something truly special to offer for domestic and international visitors."

The international visitor survey results show a record 8.4 million international travellers flocked to our shores over the last year and spent record amounts with travellers injecting \$43.2 billion into the local economy.

"These latest results show 2.84 million international travellers chose to travel beyond our capital cities and spent time in the bush, at the coast or even in the outback.

"Today's results are also good news for Wide Bay as the more tourists we attract to Wide Bay, the more they contribute to the local economy and the more they spend in local businesses."

"Our Government continues to deliver record funding to Tourism Australia for cutting-edge campaigns such as Undiscover and Dundee, and these latest results demonstrate how these campaigns are helping to lure more tourists down under.

The latest International Visitor Survey results are available at: www.tra.gov.au.

Golf

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. ~ Jack Lemmon

I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced. ~ Lee Trevino

After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye. ~ Chi Chi Rodriguez

I was three over today: One over a house, one over a patio and one over a swimming pool. ~ George Brett

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Murgon State School News...

Murgon State School Staff have spent the Pupil Free days of January preparing classrooms, content materials and attending Professional Development opportunities, to ensure a positive start to the 2019 school year.

We have been fortunate enough to welcome two new staff members to the Murgon State School community. They are Jessica Dean who will be our new Prep/1 Classroom Teacher and Dean Searles as the new Physical Education and Health Teacher.

Our 2019 Student Leaders will be recognised at a Badge Ceremony to be held on Friday the 22nd of February. We welcome parents and community members to be part of this occasion.



Murgon State High School

From the Principal's desk

Welcome all to the new school year. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the Christmas break and that you all had the chance to catch up with family and friends. 2019 has started with a bang. Staff have been very busy since commencing on the first student free day, 22nd January. We welcome back teachers you will be familiar with from last year and I would like to introduce our new staff members; Wayne Gscheidle (ITD), Bridgitte West (DRT), Caine Wager (DRT), Annabel Moffatt (STLan).

It is important for your students to be attending school every day to give them the best opportunities to be involved in these activities. **MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT**

Enrolments are encouraging this year with current student numbers at 406, this is a huge increase on last year and is great news for the school. It means more teaching staff, funding and opportunities for students. The current enrolment figures are so good that we are in fact approaching record numbers (2010 = 420).

Thank you all for the support and encouragement I have received since starting last term, I look forward to the events, challenges and opportunities the New Year provides.

Rod Prior, Principal

Murgon State High School had a great finish to 2018 with our top Overall Position (OP) achieving an OP of 2. This places her in the top 6.5% of students in Queensland. All students that applied through

QTAC were offered a university placement from a range of universities and courses. Many students are continuing study at TAFE, traineeships and apprenticeships. We wish them well and look forward to seeing what they achieve in the future.

Mr Trent Cluff, Deputy Principal

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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

Dob in a Dealer campaign run by Crime Stoppers Australia, benefitting communities across Wide Bay. The program is funded from the proceeds of crime, money that was destined to line the pockets of our most serious criminals.

“Dob in a Dealer is a call to action to Wide Bay communities to provide Crime Stoppers with information to assist law enforcement in disrupting the import, manufacture and supply of ice and other harmful illicit drugs,”

“We encourage Wide Bay residents to anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppers.com.au to ‘dob in’ those people profiting from the use of illicit drugs in our community.

“Drugs such as ice have a devastating impact on local communities.

“The Government recognises that police can’t fight this on their own, and that our community can play a strong part to undermine and disrupt any criminal business models operating in local areas.” The last *Dob in a Dealer* campaign, which ran between February 2016 and March 2017, saw an average national increase of 95 per cent in drug-related information reports, including an increase of 143 per cent in the number of amphetamine-related reports from the public.

During 2016 in Queensland, Crime Stoppers received more than 17,000 drug-related information reports, including more than 5200 amphetamine-related reports. This led to more than 600 arrests and the seizure of more than \$1 million worth of drugs.

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Recently repainted inside and outside this lovely weatherboard home has polished floor throughout. There is a large lounge, a good sized eat in kitchen with timber wall and base units. 2 bedrooms plus a sleepout/sunroom. The bathroom has a shower over the bath. Fly screened. Ceiling fans. Insulated roof. Front deck. Fully and well fenced. Lock up garage with workshop space at the back. \$150,000



Lowset brick home on approx 4 acres. 3 bedrooms with built in robes, modern built in kitchen with breakfast bar extends into dining area. Spacious lounge with sliding doors to back patio and reverse cycle air conditioner. Laundry has plenty of storage. Bathroom benefits from bath and separate shower. Lockable 2 bay garage. Outside there is a shed, cubby house and chook pen. Tank water. 5kw solar system. 360 degree views. \$350,000



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Shelley's send off morning tea



Shelley Lee after many years as the director at Murgon's Castra Aged Care , Southern Cross has retired.
Photo L-R : Jan Irvine with Shelley Lee

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

WOW!!!! What a way to start the New Year... receiving the Gympie Region Council's Australia Day Award for "COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR"



Just wanted to share a pint of good cheer and smiles!
Happy St. Paddy's Day!



Festival and Gympie Regional Council, together we make an awesome team and the results are mind blowing!! Lots more food trucks this time, wider variety and some extra special things for the kids, so come on into Goomeri and join in all the fun and frivolity and don't forget to wear your "GREEN"

Festival 2019 is building, with entertainers and attractions all locked in, stall holder applications and campground bookings open and logistics planning well under way.

Check out our brand new website.....it's looking fresh and clean and so much more user friendly, though like anything new we have some start up issues, but with your help we can rectify these as they are discovered. So, if you see something that is not quite right, or a link that doesn't do what it is supposed to, we would love to hear from you. Our contact details are all on the website.

Stallholder applications can be found on our website: www.goomeripumpkinfestival.com.au

Campground bookings can be made through our new booking program, also found on our website through the Visitor Info link.

And so, the hard word begins. Watch out for our press releases over the next few months to keep up to date with what's happening, or just follow us on Facebook: #goomeripumpkinfestival-official

Till next month, watch those pumpkin seeds grow. Thanks again to all, the GPF Team

To say we are proud...just doesn't cut it, absolutely so proud of the people behind this fantastic, tremendous event and of course, all of you, for your continued involvement and support. Year after year this small town creates and presents one of the quirkiest and most sustainable events in Queensland. The continued efforts of a small band of committed, motivated volunteers with positive attitudes is helping to not only put our festival on the map but our town... oh so proud!!!

No, down to business, let's get things rolling hahaha!!

The next Food Truck event and Twilight Markets date has been set – Sunday 17th March – in conjunction with St Patrick's Day celebrations.

We will be turning Goomeri GREEN, (just a subtle change from the normal pumpkin orange), in line with St Paddy's green and to present an environmentally friendly event. Aimed at reducing waste and encouraging people to get more active in saving our planet. Once again, this event will be hosted by the "Goomeri Project" and proudly supported by the Goomeri Pumpkin

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We wanted to introduce ourselves after recently purchasing land on Lake Barambah!

After meeting our neighbours at Dusty Hill and the Homestead, we feel very fortunate to be a part of the beautiful Moffatdale wine region and the broader South Burnett.

Our plan is to establish 3 eco tents, vines and a truffiere and to link our new project with surrounding local businesses and products.

Ultimately, we are very motivated to work with the Council to better understand how we can assist with tourism growth and employment opportunities for local residents.

Just in terms of our background, I'm a lawyer, PhD researcher and presently the GM at Moreton Bay Regional Council after 10 years with the QPS in remote communities, my wife is a registered nurse and we have two young boys who are very excited about our new venture.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you at some point.

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Australians set to benefit from new physical activity grants

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging local sporting clubs and physical activity providers to apply for funding from a national \$28.9 million program aimed at getting Australians more active.

The Liberal Nationals Sport Participation Grants program enables national sporting organisations, national sporting organisations for people with a disability, plus non-government and local government organisations, to apply for grants that will make a genuine impact to increase the level of activity of all Australians.

Mr O'Brien said the program gives sporting groups and local government organisations a new opportunity to create or enhance initiatives that would help attract people across all ages, locations and ability to participate in physical activity and sport.

"We know how important sport and physical activity is to helping both children and adults lead a happy, healthy life," Mr O'Brien said.

"Our goal is to get more Australians more active more often. I encourage eligible organisations to consider delivering new programs, or enhance existing physical activity initiatives that will improve the lives

of all Aussies in Wide Bay communities. We need to help adults to "Find their 30" minutes of exercise a day, and children to reach the 60 minutes per day recommended by the Dept of Health."

The program will be managed by Sport Australia, the Australian Government's leading agency for sport and physical activity.

The Sports Participation Grants follow the recent announcements of the Better Ageing grants and the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants.

Applications are now open and close on 18 February 2019. More information on the Move It Aus – Participation Grants is available at sportaus.gov.au/participationgrants

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FORTUNE TELLER

A nun was sitting at the airport, waiting for her flight to Melbourne.

She looked over in the corner and saw one of those weight machines that tells your fortune and she thought to herself, I'll give it a try and see what it tells me. She went over to the machine, stepped up on the scale and put her coin in, out came a card that read,

You are a nun, you weigh 70kg, and you are going to Melbourne.

The Nun sat back down telling herself that the machine probably gives the same card to everyone. The more she thought about it the more curious she got, so she decided to try it again, she went back to the machine and again put her coin in, and out came a card that read:

You are a Nun, you weigh 70kg, you are going to Melbourne and you are going to play a violin.

The Nun says to herself, I know that is wrong, I have never played a musical instrument even once in my life, and she sat back down.

From out of nowhere a man came over and sat down, putting his violin case on the seat between them. Without thinking, she opened the man's case, took out the violin and started playing beautiful music.

Surprised at what she had done, she looked over at the machine, thinking, this is incredible, I've got to try this again.

Back to the machine she went, putting in another coin, and out came another card which read:

You are a Nun, you weigh 70kg, you are going to Melbourne, and you are going to break wind. Now she knows the machine is wrong as she thought to herself, I've never broken wind in public a single time in her life.

But getting down off the machine she slipped, and as she was straining to keep herself from falling to the floor, she broke wind.

Absolutely stunned, she sat back down and looked at the machine. She said to herself, this is truly remarkable, I've got to try this one more time, so she went back to the machine, put in another coin and yet another card came out which read:

You are a Nun, you weigh 70kg, You have fiddled and farted around and missed your flight to Melbourne.

Murgon Market Report 5.02.2019

Just under 900 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday. Values for Export cattle were improved slightly as did better



quality feeders. Plainer quality weaner steers and heifers sold to a very tough market. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.40 and \$2030.00. Bullocks topped at \$2.83 c/kg for \$2040.00. Cows over 500 kg sold to \$2.25 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg sold to \$2.29 c/kg. Lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to tougher values topping at \$1.98 c/kg. Export Heifers topped at \$2.72 c/kg for \$1232.00. Numbers were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Coringa, Kingaroy, Nanango & locally. Charbray steers from Mt Perry with a weight of 500 kg sold to \$1443.00 at \$2.87 c/kg. 478 kg Droughtmaster steers from Tansey sold for \$2.66 c/kg to return \$1272.00. Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri weighing 392 kg sold to \$1084.00 at \$2.76 c/kg. 330 kg Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri sold for \$852.00 at \$2.58

c/kg. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Goomeri sold to \$2.78 c/kg for \$695.00. Charolais weaner steers from Nanango sold to \$2.62 c/kg returning \$690.00. 375 kg Charbray heifers sold to \$2.53 c/kg and \$950.00. Charbray heifers weighing 360 kg sold to \$900.00 at \$2.50 c/kg. Local Charbray heifers weighing 343 kg sold for \$3.43 c/kg and \$845.00. 337 kg Charolais heifers from Moffatdale sold to \$2.45 c/kg for \$826.00. Santa weaner heifers from Mondure sold to \$2.75 c/kg and \$577.00. Droughtmaster weaner heifers from Nanango sold for \$650.00 at \$2.36 c/kg. 261 kg Santa weaner heifers from Coringa sold for \$604.00 and \$2.31 c/kg. Simmental Cows & Calves sold to \$1450.00. Santa Cows & Calves from Mundubbera sold for \$1180.00. The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 19th of February at 8.00 am.

Photo L-R : Tom Fox & Jason Wicks looking for bargains



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A MOMENT – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

In December we prepared fundraising activities for the Murgon Christmas Fair – which was cancelled; so we had several boxes of **Cadbury's Christmas chocolates** on hand. Our grateful thanks to those organisations that immediately agreed to sell the chocolates - Murgon and Wondai Visitor Information Centres, Alicia's Spar and Hair Worx, Murgon Beta Electrical, BGA Murgon, Original Hair by Gina, Pratt Agencies and Struddy's Sports. They raised much -needed funds for us in just a few days. We also sincerely thank all those who purchased the chocolates. We hope you enjoyed them!



Arriving unobtrusively among the Christmas mail at Murgon QAS was a large package that should delight our paramedics - a long-awaited **MC Kid** manikin, requested in a previous year's wish list. When our children are sick or injured, we want them to have the best possible care. Electronic training manikins can be used to replicate real life emergencies, so that our paramedics not only maintain their high level of knowledge and skills but can be trained in new techniques – right here. Murgon LAC is delighted to be able to acquire this manikin through **generous community support**.

2019 looks like being a busy year, with CPR Awareness training and community information sessions already booked. Organisations are reminded that **annual** CPR training is recommended. Our CPR Awareness team can conduct training for community groups

throughout our area. The Snakes Alive program is available for schools and other groups. Regional Emergency Mapping Information forms are still available for property owners/managers aware of mapping irregularities, GPS or other access problems. Our AED Survey project – to map AEDs located in the community, and pinpoint those with some degree of community accessibility in an emergency – will continue in 2019. For further information, contact Kerry or Bob, Ph. 4169 0909 or b.baldwin1@bigpond.com

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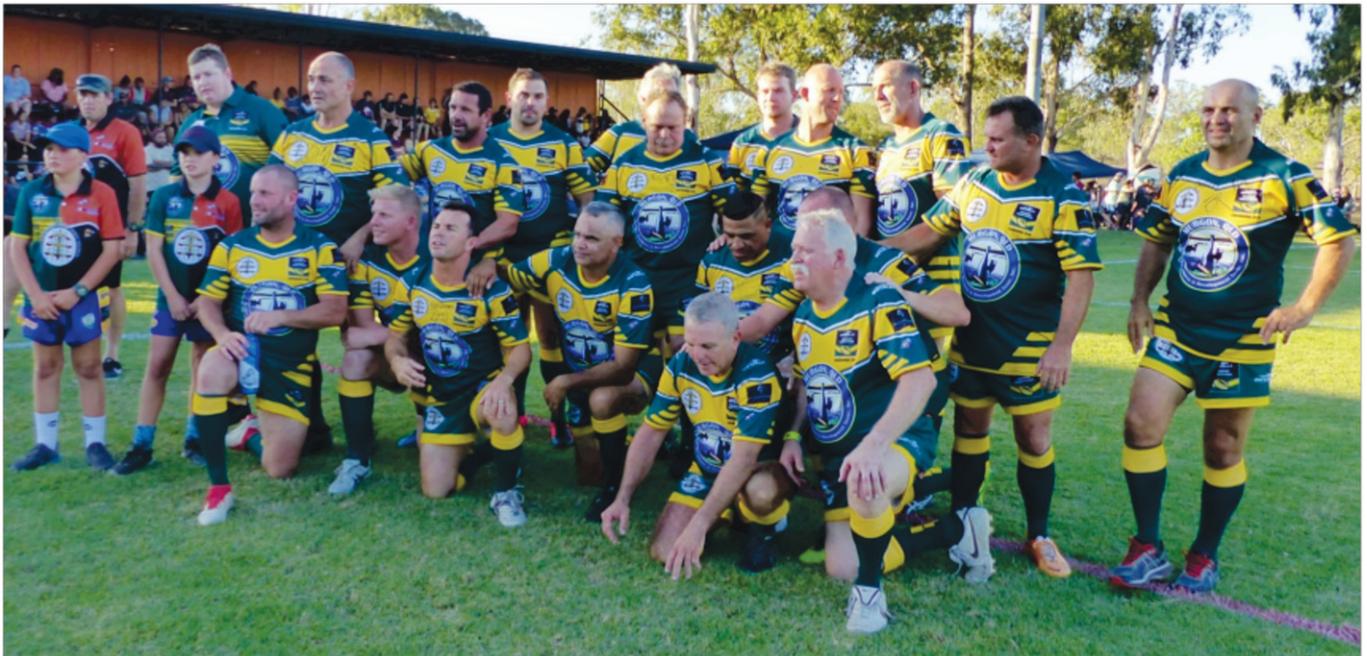
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Former Australian, State of Origin and NRL players entertained a large crowd at Jack Ochil oval at Cherbourg on Saturday 9th February playing against the Cherbourg All Stars former representative players.



The Murgon Business & Development Ass. Inc) Australian team of NRL legends included : Cliff Lyons, Bryan Niebling, Robbie O'Davis, Kerry Boustead, Ben Hannant, Scott Hill, Nathan Blacklock, Chris Walker, John Hopoate, Craig Tevan, Terry Matterson, Ashley Harrison, Noel Goldthorpe, Stu Kelly, Kevin Campion, Steve Lacey, and Murgon's Jim Sellwood and Mark Smith.



Whilst the Sellwood Constructions & Total Business Solution Cherbourg Hornets All Stars. Included : Shamus Cobbo, Lindsay Bligh, Michael Bird, Bernard Hopkins, Keith Gadd, Daniel Weazel, Justin Prior, Charlie Bond, Charlie Speedy, Stafford Sandow, Trevor Davidson, Tom Langton, Gordon Langton Jnr, George Langton, Leo Dynever, Jeffrey Dynever, Cain Bond, Victor Alberts, Kevin Saltner, Ricky Bird, William Tonga, Sione Tonga, Francis Renouf, Ronald Saltner, Ron Watson, Tyrone Murray, Fred Cobbo, Neil Stanley, Ken Cobbo, Dereck Georgetown, Ivan Harrison, James Saltner,



The event is held over 4 days with 2 days players going into the Schools in the Community talking about Anti-Bullying, Social Media, Suicide & also Dream, Believe & Achieve, this was one hour in each school. These are very important talks & Legends players are committed to runs these.

The League Legends received a warm welcome when they visited Murgon State School , Cherbourg State School and Moffatdale State School on Thursday

Friday night saw all the players come into the Royal Hotel Murgon and meet all the Sponsors / Patrons in a informal event and everyone was welcome to see all the players and have a chat. Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Inc supported the night, which included Raffles &



Auctions on the night to raise funds for the area.

The big day of rugby league action got under way on Saturday morning at 9:30am at Jack O'Chin Oval with junior games involving youngsters from Murgon, Wondai and Cherbourg.

Then: 12:50pm – Cherbourg Hornets v Oakey Redbelly Blacks followed at 2:00pm – Cherbourg Hornets v Brisbane Natives women, then at 3:00pm – Gyemore Shield – Cherbourg Hornets v Brisbane Natives

The main game started at 5:30pm – Legends of League – Cherbourg Hornets Legends v Australian NRL



Legends. This game no matter who won was a game to watch and enjoy with the individual brilliance still notable from some of these all time greats. The two young boys who entered the game and scored tries will never forget it, how they ran past these former greats and scored a try.

After the game the Australian NRL Legends players visited the Murgon Services Club for tea and had their jerseys signed and auctioned. Photo L-R: Mark Smith with Craig Tevan ex-Queensland, Brisbane Broncos, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, SQ Crushers, GC Chargers player,

We wish to thank International Legends of Rugby League tour organiser Troy Byers, The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and The Murgon Business & Development Ass Inc and the many sponsors and players and officials for making this day of Legends of League possible.



Real Life Barambah Meeting at the Uniting Church Hall in Murgon

Council endorses a feasibility study to investigate a potential rail trail from Murgon to Hivesville to Proston.

At the last General Meeting of Council, community requests were received to apply to the Rail Trail Local Government Grants (RTLGG) program for 100% funding to investigate a potential rail trail from Murgon to Hivesville to Proston. While these programs are community driven, Council are the only body that can apply for the funding.

Council will submit an application for funding from the RTLGG for the feasibility study for the potential trail, which will offer opportunity to debate the proposal.

The RTLGG program is a \$14million allocation over four years to support eligible local governments to plan, design, and construct rail trails on disused state owned corridors. The program is structured in two parts, the first being a feasibility study / trail development plan, and second being design and construction. The program is structured so that feasibility studies are supported 100% by the State and projects are delivered on a 50/50 match funding basis.

The study will look at all impacts of the proposed trail including bio-security risks. The study does not commit Council to any future or ongoing actions. Careful consideration will be given to who is in control of the management of the corridor should the decision be made in the future to progress the trail after the feasibility stage.

Whole of life costings will be considered for any potential Council controlled asset if the rail trail network is expanded. Council looks forward to working with all stakeholders.



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Doctor celebrates 40 years in Murgon, 12th February 2019



**Congratulations Dr Graham McAllister
M.B.B.S., Dip. M.S.M., M. Med., F.R.A.C.G.P,
F.A.C.R.R.M.**

Senior Lecturer, U.Q. School of Medicine, Prov. No. (Murgon) 0442733H

Murgon Family Medical Practice, former Innovative Health Professional of The Year.

Graham has worked extensively as a Medical Superintendent and General Practitioner throughout the South Burnett, has lived in both the West Moreton and Darling Downs areas.

Graham has served on various Medical Boards, including currently with General Practice Training Queensland (GPTQ) and is a Life Member of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. Graham also has a keen interest in lecturing and medical students' education. Graham has served on the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN Board since November 2017 and is passionate about rural medicine and education



Graham McAllister graduated from the University of Queensland School of Medicine on December 5th 1975. After growing up and attending high school in Ipswich he completed his internship at Ipswich hospital in 1976 and as a bonded State Fellowship holder was sent to Kingaroy as Medical Superintendent in 1977 and 1978. He was approached by Dr Patrick Lip at Wondai to enter a partnership in general practice. A house at 16 Harm Street Murgon was purchased and modified into a doctor's surgery. Dr McAllister commenced practice there on 12th February 1979. He was the sole doctor there and also worked two half days a week in Wondai with Dr Lip.

At Easter 1994 the partnership ended and Dr McAllister set about building new premises in Murgon and Wondai. These purpose built rooms opened in 1995. From a solo doctor practice, to a practice with a full time locum and eventually GP registrar's, the practice has steadily grown to many doctors, a nurse practitioner, 4 registered nurses and 10 receptionists.

In 2011 Dr McAllister entered a new partnership with Dr Mahendra Gangaram. Together they purchased the Murgon building with the purpose of totally refurbishing it to become a multidisciplinary primary health centre. This was completed in January 2013.

In November 2013 Dr McAllister was awarded the inaugural "Innovative Health Care Professional of the Year" by the Darling Downs South West Queensland Medicare Locals for the work done in pulling together the biggest team of primary health care professionals in a town anywhere near the size of Murgon. It truly is a one stop centre for all the communities' health care needs.

He reflects that 40 years has gone all too quickly but has so many memories of the people and families that he has laughed and cried with during that time. He hopes that the 21st century medical practices he and his wife Sue has helped establish in Murgon and Wondai will be a legacy to those communities long after they have gone.

Editors Note: Congratulations Dr Graham McAllister and many thanks from the Community of Murgon and surrounding towns.

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The Communities that did something about it

The drug blitz, dubbed Operation Quebec Oklahoma

Police Target Major Drug Network

Seven men will face a total of more than 450 drugs charges – including trafficking and supplying methamphetamine – after a series of police raids in the South Burnett.

The drug blitz, dubbed Operation Quebec Oklahoma, targeted the distribution of ice in the Kingaroy, Murgon and Cherbourg areas.

The year-long investigation by the Dalby-Burnett Patrol Group included a series of rolling search warrants and vehicle interceptions, and culminated in 15 search warrants being executed at premises across the Burnett area on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd January.

These searches resulted in the arrest of seven men – three from Kingaroy, two from Wondai and one each from Tingoora and Murgon – who have been charged with trafficking in dangerous drugs and more than 450 counts of supplying dangerous drugs.

The seven appeared in Kingaroy and Murgon Magistrates courts on Wednesday 23rd January.

Ross Ian Burgess, 39, Wondai; Ross William Clampit, 51, Kingaroy; Michael Keith Andersen, 39, Wondai; Adam Leo Warner, 39; Tingoora; Steven John Anderson, 37, Wondai; and William Fitimaleula Perese, 39, Murgon/ Tingoora; entered no pleas and were remanded in custody.

Burgess faces 89 charges of supplying dangerous drugs, plus single charges of trafficking and possessing something used in the commission of a crime.

Clampit faces 33 charges of supply plus one each of trafficking and possessing something used in the commission of a crime.

Andersen faces seven charges of supply, two of possessing something used in the commission of a crime, two of unlawfully supplying a weapon, two of drug possession, one of trafficking and one of possessing a restricted item.

Warner faces 23 charges of supply and one each of trafficking, possessing drug utensils, drug possession, possessing something used in the commission of a crime, and possessing property obtained from supplying or trafficking.

Anderson faces 120 charges of supply, two of possessing drug utensils, two of unlawfully possessing weapons, two of unlawfully supplying weapons, and one each of trafficking, drug possession, producing dangerous drugs, possessing explosives, possessing something used in the commission of a crime, possessing property suspected of having been used in connection with the commission of a drug offence, and possessing property obtained from supplying or trafficking.

Perese faces 44 charges of supply, six of drug possession, four of possessing drug utensils, four of possessing something used in the commission of a crime, two of possessing property obtained from supplying or trafficking, and one of trafficking.

Solicitors for the six men did not apply for bail but indicated that bail applications may be made before their next scheduled court appearance.

Magistrate Louisa Pink adjourned the matters for mention in Kingaroy Magistrates Court on May 8.

To date, the operation has identified a total of 111 people who have been charged with 695 offences; police estimate about \$170,000 worth of drugs have been seized.

Detective Inspector Paul Hart said police believed the apprehension of the main targets of the operation had successfully dismantled a major drug supply network.

“This has been a lengthy and complex operation utilising resources from the South West and Moreton District as well as specialist commands, and we have left no stone unturned in our efforts to disrupt and dismantle this network,” Det Insp Hart said.

“The closure of this operation will provide the communities of Kingaroy, Murgon and Cherbourg the opportunity to really take a stand against drugs and make their towns safer and healthier places.”

Det Insp Hart told southburnett.com.au the job was not yet finished and more arrests were expected.

He said the operation, which had been running for just over a year, would be continuing.

Phase 2 of Operation Quebec Oklahoma was executed in the South Burnett on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of February. More illicit drugs and guns seized. This work will be ongoing and will continue to have significant impacts on crime generally Scott Stahlhut A/Inspector I Coordinator Murgon - Cherbourg I South West District said.

Police from the Dalby-Burnett Group arrested twenty people during phase two of a drug operation code-named

Operation Quebec Oklahoma targeting the trafficking of methylamphetamine (Ice) into Murgon, Cherbourg and the southern Burnett areas.

The closure of *Phase Two* of the operation, which occurred between February 7 and 8, 2019 saw police execute 20 search warrants at various locations throughout the Burnett district resulting in 20 people charged with 36 offences. Including three people charged with possessing dangerous drugs, two with weapons offences and one person charged with producing dangerous drugs. Police seized three rifles, methylamphetamine, cannabis and drug paraphernalia and utensils.

Detective Inspector Mat Kelly, Crime and Support Services, South West District said police were confident that *Operation Quebec Oklahoma*, conducted over the past 13-months has severed the current distribution channel of methylamphetamine into Murgon and Cherbourg and disrupted the supply into other parts of the South Burnett.

“We remain committed to removing Ice and other dangerous drugs from our communities and although we’ve finalised this operation our efforts will continue to detect and disrupt the supply of dangerous drugs in the south west.”

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Opposition Leader and Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington thanked police for their efforts, and promised a future LNP government would provide them with the resources to crack down even harder on drugs in the community.

“On behalf of my community, I want to thank our hard-working police for their work in shutting down the ice supply chain,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“Sadly, it shows the devastation of ice and its grip on many regional communities.

“It’s also why the LNP have announced a plan to give the police more resources to crack down on drug traffickers. “We need more resources to stop these drugs being peddled to our kids.”

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Opening Day for CWA Wondai Branch

Monday 18th March starting at 9.30 am. at the CWA Rooms, 86 McKenzie Street. Wondai.

All Ladies Welcome. Come and have a great morning out and find out what Country Women’s Association is doing within the Community.

There will be Morning Tea supplied, Displays of activities within the CWA,

Make a small gift box, enjoy the time to speak with other ladies within the district. There will also be a guest speaker to talk about CWA.

Lois Thurecht President of Kingaroy branch CWA.

Any inquiries Phone Robin Sinclair, President CWA Wondai on 0439771579

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR PAUL GERAGHTY



(Monica) Good morning,

It is an honour and a privilege for Dennis and myself to speak on behalf of our family today and share these memories with you of our much loved brother, Paul.

I am Monica, the eldest of Paul's three sisters. Paul's sister Colleen and his brothers, Leo and Dennis are here with us today.

Paul was born on 2 January 1937 in Goomeri, a small country town in Qld, now famous for its Pumpkin Festival. Our father was a Station Master in the Railway, hence by the time Paul started school the family had moved to Helidon. This move was soon followed by many others all over Queensland, right up to the far north of the state and the family increased in each town. We were very close as children and made our own fun, roaming in the bush swimming in local waterholes, playing with the goats in Chillagoe and exploring creeks and caves. Of course there was always the backyard game of cricket.

(Dennis) After Paul completed his primary schooling and Scholarship in Yr 7, he left his little one teacher school at Tingooora to board at the Marist Brother's College at Ashgrove. At this stage in 1950, I was the new-born baby and became the youngest in the Geraghty family. His junior certificate completed, Paul became an apprentice

electrician with the Brisbane City Council where he worked for the next three years. During this time he helped install the coloured lights on the Story Bridge to beautify the city for the Queen's visit in 1954. This training was valuable in later years. During this time, he often visited the Discalced Carmelite Monastery on Gregory Terrace and actually lived with them while studying for his Senior at night school.

In 1956, he left for Ireland to study for the priesthood with the order in Ireland. He spent three years as a novice in Loughrea, Galway. Perhaps this was where his love of Irish music was born. At the same time, Paul's youngest sister, Teresa, who is too frail to be with us today, had also left home to join the Presentation Order. Paul continued to study at a college in Dublin where he took charge of the lighting for the yearly plays as well as acting in some himself. He also started making telescopes, grinding the lens by hand. The telescopes gradually got bigger and bigger. He took all these talents to Rome where he studied to obtain his Licentiate in Theology. Paul was ordained a Priest in Rome on Anzac Day, 1965. When he returned home to Australia in 1966, he became part of the Discalced Carmelite Community at Gregory Terrace in Brisbane. To raise money for different ventures Paul was associated with he would say mass at the church and then find an old tram that was on display in the town and get permission to remove all the old electrical wiring and sell it to scrap metal buyers. He then was sent to the Discalced Carmelite Community Minto, NSW, where he worked on their farm and where he made several life-long friends who are praying with us today. In September 1967 Paul visited Murgon to do a very special job, Yes he was the priest who carried out the wedding of Leo Geraghty to Glenda Pearson.

After serving with the Carmelites for the next eight years, his life took him in another direction. In 1974, he became a parole officer with the NSW government serving in Liverpool, Sutherland, Hurstville and Bathurst. His former colleagues remember him as a staunch and trusted mentor and friend, with a great wit and sense of humour and a beautiful singing voice. In 1980, he married Megan Callaghan, a friend from his years at Minto and they moved to Stanwell Park. Paul enjoyed fishing, swimming and entertaining the many visitors to their beach side home. There is a story told of how the boys who were teaching him to surf, had to rescue him before he ended up in NZ. In 1998, they sold this home and moved north to Tuncurry and subsequently to Forster in 2014.

Not one to forgo his earlier beliefs he became a registered celebrant celebrating weddings and officiating at a number of funerals and helping out in church activities wherever he was needed. The cry of where's Paul was told to us by the many people who knew him and his ability to solve disputes or problems.

(Monica) Many of you here today will have your own special memories of Paul. His strong faith, depth of spirituality, gifts and talents led him into serving in many ministries within this Parish which was like his NSW family. However, He was always a Queenslander when the State of Origin was on, though we did try to convert Megan without success. His love of singing and choral music which he inherited from his parents, overflowed into composing hymns, one of which we will hear today during the Mass.

Paul loved being part of social activities and dinners, particularly after the death of his wife, Megan, in 2015. Your cards, visits, physical and prayerful support during his sudden illness, bears testimony to the love and respect which you had for him. On behalf of the family, I sincerely thank you all and especially Fr Greg for your many acts of kindness and care. We also pay tribute to the nursing staff of Forster Private Hospital for their wonderful care and compassion during Paul's final hours.

(Dennis) Paul was a wonderful husband, brother, uncle and great-uncle much loved and admired by all his nieces, nephews and cousins on both sides of the family. We have memories of great family gatherings with Paul leading the singing, lots of laughter and wine late into the evening. We'd like to leave you with these words today which greeted visitors at Paul and Megan's front door.

(Monica) DANCE as though no one is watching you. LOVE as though you have never been hurt before.

SING as though no one can hear you. LIVE as though Heaven is on earth.

Paul, may you continue tinkering and dance, love, sing and live in Heaven forever.

The Geraghty family, Kevin (deceased) born Maryborough, Paul (deceased) born Goomeri, Monica born Monk land, Teresa born Gatton, Leo born Babinda, Colleen born Mareeba, Dennis born Wondai.



Murgon Rotary Club president Heath Sander presents a cheque of \$5,000 to The Royal Flying Doctors. The donation was part of the profits of the 2018 Murgon Music Muster. The Royal Flying Doctors last year celebrated 90 years of the Flying Doctor and in this time they have grown to become the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organization in the world. The RFDS conducts more than 336,358 patient contacts in Australia every year, that is one person every two minutes. In Queensland they operate from basis at, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Charleville, Longreach, Mount Isa, Rockhampton and Townsville. The Dental Service arm has been in operation now for the past 6 years and last year we delivered dental care to 1490 patients. The service is run out of a semi trailer that has been equipped with two dental surgeries, an OPG room, and on board sterilization facility.



We Sadly mourn the loss of:

KERKOW, Stanley Raymond (Stan), Late of Wheatlands

BOND, Arthur Edward, Late of Castra ACF, Murgon

HARCH, Maurice Ashley (Mo), Late of Redgate

McGRATH, Reta Florence (nee Peskett) Late of Wondai

GERAGHTY, Paul Thomas, late of Forster. NSW. (Leo's brother, born Goomeri, Went to school in Tingoora.

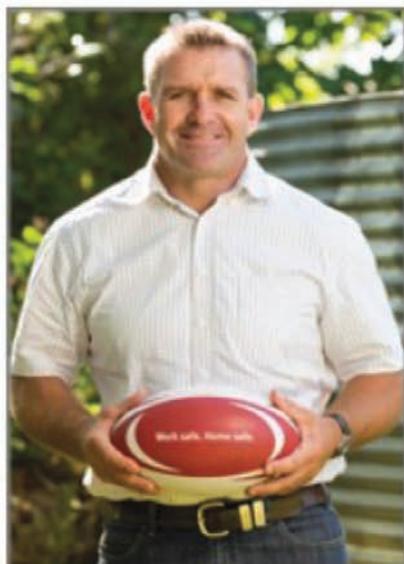
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ICE bust in Nanango electorate

“On behalf of my community, I want to thank our hard working police for their work in shutting down the ICE supply chain,” LNP Leader and Nanango MP Deb Frecklington said.

“Sadly it shows the devastation of ICE and its grip on many regional communities.

“It’s also why the LNP have announced a plan to give the police more resources to crackdown on drug traffickers.

“We need more resources to stop these drugs being peddled to our kids.”

Deb delighted historic buildings have new purpose

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated the Nanango Show Society and Nanango Historical Society for giving a new lease of life to two historic buildings originally located at the Nanango Hospital.

Mrs Frecklington said she had worked with groups during 2016 to secure the two buildings, after they were marked for demolition by Queensland Health.

“Ros Gregor from the Historical Society called me when they learnt the buildings were being removed. I agreed with them that it was important to preserve this piece of Nanango’s history and I was pleased to assist,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“Following negotiations between myself and the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service District, the buildings were moved to the Showgrounds, where they have been lovingly renovated and start their new life as much-needed facilities for the community.

“I’d also like to acknowledge Mr Les Schloss, after whom the buildings have been named. This is a fitting recognition of the many, many years Les has volunteered in the community, in particular with the Show Society, and I congratulate him on this honour,” Deb said.

Camera initiative will help community feel safer

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated Kingaroy Police Officer in Charge, Snr Sgt Dave Tierney on the launch of the Community Camera Alliance for the township.

Mrs Frecklington said the initiative had been successfully introduced in many other towns around Queensland and it was great to see it starting in Kingaroy.

“The Community Camera Alliance aims to create community confidence and a stronger relationship between the police and residents,” Mrs Frecklington said. “I would really like to congratulate and thank Snr Sgt Tierney and his team for taking this positive step in helping to tackle crime in our region.

“Our local Police Officers do an amazing job and this register of local CCTV cameras will definitely assist in crime detection and prevention.

“The Police Minister has to realise however that while our community welcomes this initiative, we still need more Police permanently assigned to the South Burnett.

“Crime rates in our region continue to be a very concerning issue for our residents and I will continue to fight for more Police for our region,” Deb said.



QAGOMA APT9 Kids on Tour

A dynamic program of hands-on and multimedia activities, will visit the **Wondai Regional Art Gallery** this February, March and April as an extension of the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art's current exhibition 'The 9th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art' (APT9).

APT9 Kids on Tour will travel to more than 100 regional galleries, libraries and community centres across Queensland and the Torres Strait including the **Wondai Regional Art Gallery** in the South Burnett.

The APT9 Kids on Tour program features free activities that are specially designed for children and families. It enables Queensland communities to enjoy key elements of the original APT9 exhibition at their local venue.

"The program includes hands-on art-making activities and interactive virtual experiences that highlight key themes in the APT9 exhibition, including the preciousness of life and natural resources, the importance of community and storytelling."

APT9 Kids on Tour presented at the **Wondai Regional Art Gallery on 16 February, 16 March and 13 April 2019**, includes activities developed by the QAGOMA's Children's Art Centre in collaboration with artists Pauline Kimei Anis (Bougainville), Sadik Kwaish Alraji (Iraq/The Netherlands), Gary Carsley (Australia/The Netherlands), Nona Garcia (The Philippines), Vincent Namatjira (Australia) and Jakkai Siributr (Thailand).

QAGOMA Director Chris Saines said APT9 presented some of the most exciting and important contemporary art being created in the region and included major new commissions.

"Following three years of curatorial travel and extensive research, the ninth exhibition in our flagship series offers a contemporary art experience for audiences of all ages.

"APT9 is showing until 28 April, 2019, at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Queensland Art Gallery (QAG)," Mr Saines said.

For more information about APT9 and APT9 Kids on Tour, plus a full list of venues, visit www.qagoma.qld.gov.au

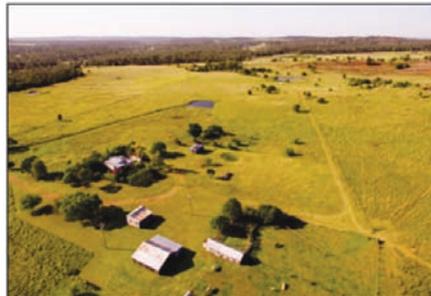
For more information contact Wondai Regional Art Gallery on 4168 5926

Sacred Space Studio - Proston

New accommodation for visitors has arrived in Proston. Sonia McMahon and her husband have recently renovated one of the little churches in Proston and have opened it to visitors for accommodation. The appropriately named "Sacred Space Studio" is nestled in Proston close to Shops and amenities

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February 2019 Exhibitions

“IN FOCUS” - Gallery 1 – Heather Stanton from Heather’s Hobby and
Sharron McDonald from Wenden Photography



This collection from Heather and Sharron is of photographs taken mainly around the South Burnett, Queensland and on overseas adventures. Both Heather and Sharron are very passionate about their photography which shows in their beautiful collections.

“SLOW PROGRESSION” - Gallery 2 - Tony Adams



The work I've presented in this exhibition is a mix of some of my older work to my present drawings. I have work from over 10 years ago that still hang on my walls, and have not been able to let them go. I can see the slow improvement I have made from then till now. My drawings are a mix of charcoal (my favourite medium) plus graphite, carbon, pastel and some coloured pencil. The colour is a break from my rigid belief that all I could do is black and white. My SLOW PROGRESSION. In the future I intend to do more Portraits, Landscapes, some still life's, my version of them. Using what I have learned over the last 12 months in these other subjects I hope to show some improvement their as well as my favourite subjects, Birds and Nature.

“AUSTRALIA, THROUGH OUR EYES” - Gallery 3 - Helenna Dohle & Stuart Efsthatis

This exhibition is an attempt to convey the multi-faceted nature of Australian Life. Stuart's photographs aim to capture the silent beauty of Australian landscapes, while also showcasing the animation of rural Australia. Helena's varied artworks show the vivid characters who shape our cultural heritage, from the Rural champion, Slim Dusty to the immensely popular comedienne, Rebel Wilson.



“Kids Korner” -Tingoora State School

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Monday, 25 February 2019.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

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DETAILED INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Summer fishing at it's best in the South Burnett!

The christmas and new year crowds have dispersed but the fishing has remained consistent. Both dams in the South Burnett are fishing well despite the low water levels. Boondooma is producing some big quality bass and golden perch. BP is producing big numbers of fish of varying species. If you're thinking of coming for a fish it's hard to go wrong if you follow the below report. The South Burnett is the place to be for some fantastic freshwater fishing.

Boondooma

The dam is beautiful early of a morning and there's plenty of wildlife to enjoy. With the summer bite patterns continuing, it makes for some exciting fishing on Lake Boondooma, particularly later in the afternoons as the water temps really warm up. Lately the trend has been to fish the timbers of the Boyne or Stuart arm early with 5/8 Bassman spinnerbaits or lipless cranks in the morning. During the afternoon target the deeper sections of the dam up near the dam wall and rocky edges with 1/2 ounce rigged Eco gear power shads or Norries Wasabi Spoons or Spinnerbaits.

If I'm fishing Boondooma during the summer months, I'll first start in the timber early of a morning as the fish are in amongst the trees looking for an easy meal from passing Bonies. In the arms the fish are holding very close to structure and you'll need to get your lures in as close as you can to get a bite. Look for spindly timber, trust me there's a lot of it. Lures of choice for this scenario are, 5/8 or 3/8 Bassman Spinner baits and any sinking lipless Crank bait. Give your lure up to 5 seconds to sink down to 10 – 15 feet and start a slow wind. It's important to make sure that you have a lure retriever with you as you will get snagged on the trees occasionally but if you're getting snagged you know you're in the thick of it. Keep moving from tree to tree or structure to structure and persist as your lure WILL be eaten eventually by a hungry fish.

Matthew Langford with a Monster Bass from Boondooma caught on a spoon.



The fish in the afternoon tend to bite better in the open water when the water heats up. I've found that the fish move deeper into the timber as the day progresses and find the fish in the deeper water are easier to target. To find fish in the deep water I'll use my sounder to sound the fish sitting in that optimal depth of 15 to 25 feet. When I'm happy that I've found a good concentration of fish, I will pull up and begin casting 3" to 4" soft plastics rigged with a 1/2 ounce head or 18 Gram Norries Wasabi Spoons. With a big long cast over the areas that I've found the fish, I will let the jig head or spoon, sink 7 to 10 seconds and begin a slow retrieve back to the boat with a couple of twitches mixed in. Continue this technique until you start to feel a few taps on the plastic or spoon, when you feel a tap its important to keep that slow wind going (without striking) until you feel weight on the line, slowly lift the rod tip until you feel the weight of the fish. At this point the fish will know its hooked and make some great runs back down into the deeper water. Keep your drag fairly loose so that the hook doesn't pull on the way back to the boat

Trollers are picking up some great bass and yellow belly trolling around the deeper sections of the dam, targeting those suspended fish. Make sure to have plenty of deep divers handy, lures that dive 15 to 20 feet will be the ones that get you onto consistent fish.

Bait fisherman are consistently getting amongst a mixed bag of fish up in the timbered arms of the dam using worms and fresh shrimp. It may even pay to move to the main basin and let your bait suspend under the boat in that 15 to 25 foot range. Drifting with the wind is a great way to cover water with your bait under the boat. Eventually it will cross paths with a hungry fish or two.

Red claw numbers are also starting to pick up with some real big ones amongst them, so make sure your pack the opera houses if you're coming out for a day or two.

Lake Barambah

If your keen on trolling then I can suggest trolling lightly weighted spinnerbaits, 3/8 blades or any deep diving hard body from boat ramp to boat ramp.

Early in the day, I've been casting soft plastics with a lot of success out in the open water of the dam. The bait is thick and high in the water column, so the bass are sitting below them and coming up to feed. I'll use a 1/2 ounce jig head with a 3" soft plastic and cast over the open water. I'll let it sink 3 seconds then begin a reasonably fast



wind. The bass will tap at the lure so its important to remain patient and not strike until the fish has a firm grasp on the lure. This has been our most successful method of fishing of late.

When the suns higher in the sky I've found that the bass move out onto the deeper flats. Long casts, letting the plastic sink to the bottom and using a burn and kill retrieve was the key to getting the fish to hit the lure hard.

This nice bass came unstuck when we were fishing open water.

Fishing Charters

Don't forget that you can book a fishing charter with me on BP and Boondooma dams and many other dams in QLD. If you'd like a great day out and all the info and knowledge to catch Bass, Yellow belly or Saratoga in our great dams make sure you give me a call on 0408658592 and I'll be happy to

take you out for a great days fishing. You can also check out our website on www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com

Until next month, tight lines and bent rods. Matthew Langford

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**CONTACTS, Caretakers on (07) 4168 0159 info@boondoomahomestead.org.au
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Neighbourhood Watch Queensland

You are invited to attend Murgon Neighbourhood Watch meeting Murgon Services Club Diggers Room, 6.00pm to 7.30pm Monday 18th February, 2019, Come and enjoy an informative night with other members of your community. ****There is no cost to attend and no joining fee****

True story written by a WW1 soldier from his Diary's Private Frank Baker, Pomona QLD.

Lovingly given to us by his Daughter in Law Joy Baker and Grand Daughter Tricia Beckett



When you read these transcripts, you can't believe how our forefathers travelled, mainly by train, horse, bus, tram and boat and the hardships that these WW1 veterans endured for us to enjoy the world in which we live.

Continued from January Edition:

At Bulbecourt near Reincourt stood to all night ready to help the boys next morning at 5 o'clock when the order came through it was cancelled, so we were taken back about 10 miles and rested for a day and fetched up the following night. Before we started we were led to believe we were going to have good artillery support and 4 tanks and right up to the last minute, the artillery was cut out and we were sent over with only the four tanks. Whilst proven a failure we had mainly 900 yards of nothing else. But bombs were entangled to go through that often losing half our men. We got into his first line and sent a few prisoners back and owing to the flanks not getting this objectives, we were cut off and about 11 o'clock Fritz attacked us with 90 divisions, were . We had 50 men we held him for about 2 hours, then they started coming up out of the ground all over the place through tunnels, He had made and he beat us.

He had about a 100 lined up ready to march them Back, the prisoners some of them made a bold try and get back , there was only one who escaped, other were killed with machine gun fire .I was right amongst them collecting wounded men they past me and when they had taken back its ground they had lost. They formed a armister to allow us to collect our wounded. The ones could walk walked and we would take all

stretcher cases which were wounded were taken but we managed to get a few back by dressing them on stretches and carry them away that wasn't wounded at all I shall never forget those awful hours I was determined to do or die. I walked straight through them, Fritz couldn't have noticed me anyway there was only 50 of us came out and we had well over a thousand men in my Battalion alive. Then there had been some terrible Memories through their heads making mistakes and working into gunners hands. That was tough . They were incharge of the section, Birdwood said, I knew you couldn't hold it Let alone take it. We were only sent over for experience for the trenches. We were relieved that night and marched back to Bapanime, and put on the train and sent to Albert.

It is still raining and snowing we were marched from Albert to Ribement. We rested for a few days and got reinforcements. We had a sports day, it's the 25th April Anzac Day. The following morning we marched to the railway station and were put on the train and sent to Flanders, arrived at Hazebrook marched to Dauli camped there for a few days then we were called up to help the 3rd. division at Massines on the 8th June 1917. Now we had another rough spin after doing about 8 days we were relieved and taken back about 2 miles behind the lines camping out in the open and getting where you need to try and get out of the rain. After doing a few days we were taken to the lines again at Huns. Walked where we had another spin strafing over trenches while the whole time knocking it in all over the place. We had a great many casualties and we were relieved. Relief came, and we were marched to Newiegllush rested there for a few days then taken back to the trenches again at Msaaines After being there for a few days I was sent on leave 13th Aug 1917. I was not sorry to get away from the whole of the place and caught a train at Stenwick station, left at 11 o'clock arriving Boulogne 4.30 that evening.

We lined up and marched to camp about 6 miles away called one blanket hill, camping in tents that night, 16 in one tent, up the next morning at 4.30.am.

We were taken by a pommy battalion back to Hill 63 and were put in some tunnels where we had 2 days rest from shell fire. We were quite safe, they were about 50 feet underground. We were taken up again to the line at Garninton. In July after doing fatigue, fixing up the trenches which were full of water and still raining, bitterly cold we did 4 nights wiring and we were not sorry when it was finished.

Aug. 14. 1917. Left the battalion. On leave the 13 Aug for England from France Arrived at Boulogne the same evening 6 miles to a rest camp for the night. Next morning up at 3am. Marched to Boulogne, caught the boat and left at 10 o'clock arrived at Folkestone 19th October enroot to Victoria Station Houseferry Rd. Aug 15. Took a look and some trips through the town of London, St Pauls Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Aug.16. Went through Madam Trussoes wax works, Regent Park, Hyde Park and the zoo, Went to the gairty at night. Aug 17. Left Pancray St. Station 9. am. Arriving in Edinburgh. 7 o'clock am. stopped at the Lockbury Hotel, got ringing wet looking for a friend.

August 18th. Went around the castle, Arthurs seat, and through the museum, Sir Walter Scott Monument.

Aug. 19th. Went down by Motor Bus to the fort bridge Sydney and the HMS Melbourne Cruise. Left Edinburgh 10th October. arrived in Glasgow 12th Oct. and caught a cab. and went to Mrs. J. McCowan Carlisle St., Long side. Aug. 20th. Went to the Mary Queen of scotts castle were she was Buried. The big battle of Longside then went through the Munitions factory and aeroplane Factory. Aug.21st.Went down to Lock Lomen and down the Clyde River to lock Lomen Park. Aug. 22nd. Next day to Ayer. Went through Bobby Burns House and the pub. He used to get drunk with His two Friends Tommie Shanter and Sutter Johnie and the own Brig. of Doon and Bobbie Burns Monument and the Old Brig of Ayer, and then came home and had a wee drop of Dock and Doris.

August 23rd. Had a day in town went into the shooting gallery and knocked out 5 balls out of the six then went to the Pictures and went to sleep , came home and then went to the Play of the night The Village Girl.

August. 24th. Went to Roucken Glen this evening, to Visit the Rouken Glen falls and the track came home through Queens Park. August 25th yesterday went down town and had a game of Billards, came home and went to Kings Theatre Glasgow at night the play was Entitled Are you a Mason. August 26th. Went for a train ride in the morning and a walk through Queens Park. August 27th. Left Glasgow Queens Street Station at 1 o'clock, arrived in London 12 o'clock, stopped at the YMCA. at Pancras. August 28th. Left Pancras 5 o'clock, in the morning Went around to Horseferry Rd. got my pack and made for Victoria St;. Left Victoria Street at 6 o'clock at Folkstone at 9.pm. Marched around to No.3. Rest camp and stopped the night, ready to cross the Channel, August 29th. Left No 3 rest camp 3.30. Arrived at the wharf and embarked for Boulogne. Half past 4 o'clock left Folkestone. 6 o'clock. Very rough crossing the Channel. A man got drowned and I got wringing wet through and was standing in water up to my knees Nearly all the soldiers were sea sick. We arrived in Boulogne 10 o'clock. marched to the Rest camp One Blanket Hill where we could sleep the night.

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Australia Day Celebrations 2019

The South Burnett Australia Day Awards night were held this year at the Blackbutt Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day, Friday January 25th 2019 .

South Burnett Regional Council Announces the 2019 Australia Day Award Winners

The ceremony commenced with the Flag Raising ceremony by the 177 Australian Army Cadets followed with the official opening and welcome by Emcee John Carey. This was followed by an address from the South Burnett Australia Day Ambassador Justine Christerson. The Australian National Anthem was sung by Sue Dowideit-Reiger and the Blackbutt Singers sang a beautiful rendition of 'I am Australian' and 'Waltzing Matilda'.

Mayor Keith Campbell said "Having your name put forward for one of these awards is a great honour and shows great recognition and appreciation from your local community. I hope that both our winners and our nominees are very proud of their achievements and I want to sincerely thank our community for their support."

South Burnett Region 2019 Australia Day Award winners are as follows:-

Name	Award
Scott Prendergast	South Burnett Citizen of the Year
Anekah Hinchliff	South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year
Murgon Rotary Club	South Burnett Community Organisation
Jim Kingston	South Burnett Lifetime Achievement
Jocelyn Richardson	South Burnett Volunteer of the Year
Estelle Buckley	South Burnett Cultural Award
Lucas Ladyman	South Burnett Cultural Award (Junior)
Hannah English	South Burnett Sportsperson of the Year
Matthew Rankin	South Burnett Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Stephen O'Connor	South Burnett Sportsperson (Coach/Official or Administrator)
Kevin Springate	Local Achiever Award - Nanango
Luke Beutel	Local Achiever Award – Blackbutt/Benarkin
Warren Cockburn	Local Achiever Award - Kingaroy
Julie Entwistle	Local Achiever Award - Kumbia
Wendy Turner	Local Achiever Award - Wooroolin/Memerambi
Noel Selway	Local Achiever Award – Wondai/Tingoora
Kathy Crane	Local Achiever Award – Proston/Hivesville
Richard Bridges	Local Achiever Award – Murgon



Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc Australia Day Awards

The ceremony was held at The Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum and commenced with a bar-b-q breakfast and then the Flag Raising ceremony by Trevor Sanderson followed with the official opening and welcome by Cynthia Hatchett. This was followed by an address from the guest speaker Rod Hauser attached, the presentation of Awards and finally a lamington lunch.

Thank you – Cynthia Hatchett and Committee, honoured guests, I would like to talk about my experiences playing for Australia in Rugby Union and what it meant to me. Honoured – privilege to share my story: playing for my country from 1973-79, teacher for 45 years – helping others / servanthood, being an Australian / Queenslander, being blessed to live in a country where I can share my Christian faith (most important – centre of all aspects of life, Welcome to God’s country (Qld, NT, Vic, NSW)

History:

- great grandparents (Switzerland / Germany, 1870s) – farming in Blenheim (Lockyer Valley)
- grandparents – Lockyer Valley
- parents moved to Victoria Pt (Redlands / Salad Bowl) – 2yr old
 - o 40 acres – market gardening
- Primary school – Grades 1 – 7 - Vic Pt
- Secondary – Grades 8-12 – St Peter’s Lutheran College boarding
- 1971 – 73 – Lutheran Teachers College, Adelaide – PE teacher
- 1974 – teacher SPLC 4 years
- married Dale 1974 – 4 children, 5 grandchildren
- 1977 – Family Sports Centre – 6 years
- 1984 _Concordia Memorial College, Toowoomba – 15 years
- 1998 – Yirara College, Alice Springs – 10 years – AFL
- 2009 – Good Shepherd College Hamilton Vic – 5 years – AFL
- 2014 – St Pauls College, Walla Walla NSW – 4 years – AFL & Rugby
- 2018 – home – Gympie Qld – Jubilee Christian College - PE

How it Came About re Wallabies:

love of sport developed on the farm and school, being small, trying to fit in and prove myself - resulted in a few (many) fights, very determined, on the farm – work before and after school, at school – soccer, cricket, tennis before and after school, tackling the dogs, siblings and neighbours, tough days, bare feet, no protection (protector, pads, gloves etc), At SPLC, new game called Rugby Union – love of the game grew and has a lot to do with my understanding and feelings of what it means to be an Australian, sport unifies us, sense of being part of something / place that is special, same as our new citizens today, people from many different countries, cultures and beliefs living, working, studying, eating and in my case, playing sport, everyone was valued, regardless of where you come from and your circumstances, sense of belonging and being respected eg being a Christian; nicknames, banter – sign of differences being accepted, everyone has certain gifts, talents and skills to be used and shared, as a result, feeling of being secure (purpose) and free to contribute, At SPLC, rugby played a huge part in this process; same as it does for all Australians, 1971 – 73 – Adelaide – AFL country – Rugby was small but very important to the dedicated group that played enthusiastically, 1971 – Sth Aust team – played against Southern States in Tassie and Internationals against Tonga, France and South Africa, 1973 – first SA to make the Wallaby team to tour UK and Italy, 1974 – QLD – teacher at SPLC – played for Teachers Norths, Qld & Aust, 1973 – 79 – Wallaby – all games (squad) – always picked first (Greg Cornelson, Dick Cox, Stuart McDougall)

Highlights:

- 1st Rugby game (u13) - lost 88-0 to Marist Brothers Ashgrove
- Test match 1975 against Wales – captain Hipwell injured – Cardiff Arms Park 55000 singing Australian songs
- winning against Ireland 1976 – no hope given to us
- winning against Wales 1976 in Australia – 2 wins
- playing for Qld against NSW - winning from 1976-79
- Winning grand finals

Meaning as an Australian Player:

you represent all Australians living here, represent all those gone before us, especially those who fought in the war to protect our freedoms, represent all those future Australians regardless of where they come from, provide positive role models for the younger ones, honour and pride in all areas, not just some: family, yourself, your schools, your teams, at work / community, states – SA, Qld, NT, Vic, NSW, represent SA – 12 games, represent Qld – 49 games, represent Australia in rugby – 17 internationals plus another 30 games against counties and provinces, playing against – France, S Africa, NZ, Tonga, Fiji, Japan, Canada, Italy, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, England, USA, 7 major overseas tours (UK – USA 16 weeks), NO PLACE LIKE HOME (all places should be in Qld – coming home to church)

Privileges of playing for your country: get to go places all over the world and get to meet special people, Buckingham Palace, morning tea with the Queen. Princess Ann and Prince Charles (1.5 hours) – practise how to speak and act – PE teacher, Stuart and Charles (tie swap and business card), Rome – Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Concorde factory, Edinburgh Castle, St Andrews golf course, Scotland, Palladium, Savoy Hotel sportsman's dinner, London, Miss World – Britannica Hotel, London / players reactions, asked to do talks, churches, youth groups, retreats etc, as amateurs, we were given pocket money - £2/day only (I was the only one to make a profit); given gifts everywhere you go (Adidas factory), expectations representing Australia re behaviour and dress code, training with elite athletes and coaches, playing against the best in the world

Challenges for Today: good sportsmanship and fair play (sledging and cheating), reputation of Australian sports people (from this area – Steve Renouf), role models – eg Don Bradman, Neil Harvey, Wally Grout, Margaret Court, Yvonne Goolagong, Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Roy Emerson, Mal Anderson, The way we celebrate victories and grand finals and off season, Standards of morality need to be lifted, Where do we go from here? – politics working together!, What can we do to improve things without government monies?, Realise we have no other country but this one,

Final Australia Day Comment:

Why is Australia the best? (same as at school), The past – never forgotten – forgiveness / thankfulness – honour and learn from them, Australian humour – come to Australia, Storytelling, How we handle the resources that God freely gives us.

Thank you for listening, God bless. Have a happy and blessed Australia Day.



Lifetime Achievement Award.
Murgon Local Achiever.
Organisation of the Year.
Senior Cultural Award.
Senior Sports person.
Senior Ambassador.
Junior Ambassador-
Volunteer of the Year.
Young Cultural.
Young Sports person.
Sports Administrator-

Jim Kingston
Darren Buckley
Murgon Rotary Club
Estelle Buckley
Matthew Langford
Richard Bridges
Jasmine Beddows
Margaret Long
Janita Langton
Amy Henderson
Col Rewald

Christ Church, Murgon Anglican Parish of Barambah.

February, 17th 2019 at 9am Bishop Cameron will visit. He will conduct a Holy Communion service , followed by morning tea then followed by Parish AGM

All are very welcome to attend . Bishop Cameron may only visit our parish once this year.

For further details regarding this service and or AGM contact Julie Lobwein

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February 2019 Boondooma Dam Fishing Competition Results



Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that the lake fished extremely well for the 2019 event with 157 fish going through the catch and release section and another 145 in the gilled and gutted section. The biggest Yellowbelly of the event was weighed in at 2.085kg. The competition for 2019 saw a huge attendance of 945 entrants including 236 juniors. Cash and other prizes were presented at the end of each of

the three sessions as well as overall competition winners at the conclusion of the event.

The water level in the lake was at 39% which together with the clear blue skies set the scene for a great weekend of camping, fishing and family activities.

Profits from the event are used to supplement fishing permit funds from the Queensland Government and to date approximately 5.3 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boondooma.

The Catch and Release categories were increased this year to include Yellowbelly, Bass, Jew, Silver Perch and Spangled Perch with anglers utilising the Track my fish app to photograph and release the fish which proved to be successful with Michael Jarvis of Coolum Beach, winning the Yellowbelly with a fish of 550mm.



Wendal Maroski of Murgon Won the longest Bass with a 505mm fish. Whilst The Heaviest Yellowbelly title was claimed by Mick Turner of Boonah with a Yellowbelly of 2.085kg. Mick took home over \$400 cash and prizes with a trophy. Sponsored by Stanwell Power.



The winner of the heaviest Bass section sponsored by Wondai Accounting and Tax Services was Jeffery Kinsella of Moffetdale with a Bass of 1.525kg to secure a pay cheque of \$350 plus prizes and trophy.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers for Yellowbelly were Blake Manthey of Kingaroy with a Yellowbelly of 1.470kg.

The Bass was claimed by Jake Johnson of Chinchilla with a bass weighing in at 1.355kg. whilst The Dragon Kayak was won by Callam Craig of Alexandra Hills.

The 3.6m Quintrex Boat 9.9hp Motor and Trailer package from Cunninghams Marine was won by Anthea White



of Bellbird Park. Proudly sponsored by South Burnett Regional Council.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who attended and made the event such a success. All profit made from the weekend goes back into purchasing more fingerlings, the future for Lake Boondooma fishery is looking very healthy.

The annual competition for 2020 will be held on 8th and 9th February. Entry costs for the February event will remain at \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under. 2020 will be the 30th year and there will be even bigger and better and will be one you don't want to miss.

The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors ensured that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws were available for all competitors giving away over \$50,000 worth of cash and prizes.

Food and drinks stalls were provided by local community groups over the weekend and the great camping facilities provided by the South Burnett Regional Council was put to great use for campers staying at the lake.

Additional information on the local area and past fishing competitions can be found on the Proston Online website, www.prostononline.info

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TEN BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU'RE 5

1. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson
2. **Pete the Sheep** by Jackie French
3. **Hairy Maclary series** by Lynley Dodd
4. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak
5. **The Terrible Plop** by Ursula Duborsarsky
6. **Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers
7. **It's A Book** by Lane Smith
8. **Imagine** by Alison Lester
9. **Olivia the Pig** by Ian Falconer
10. **Some Dogs Do** by Jez Alborough



LIBRARY LOVER'S DAY

14 February 2019 @ South Burnett Libraries

Library Lovers' Day is an annual event organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Held on February 14 this year's theme is 'library love stories'. The theme highlights all the love that can be found in the library and the ways your library can celebrate.

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No group bookings will be accepted. Individual telephone calls only. Please note there are limited seats available for this event.

Council expresses condolences after Coomba Falls Tragedy

South Burnett Regional Council has expressed its condolences after a death of a man following an incident at Coomba Falls, Maidenwell yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Keith Campbell said he was saddened to hear that a Benarkin man had passed away following an incident at Coomba Falls yesterday afternoon.

“Our thoughts are with the man’s family and friends,” Mayor Campbell said.

“The loss of a loved one is always tragic and on behalf of South Burnett Regional Council and our community we join with the family at the time of their grief,” said Mayor Campbell.

For further information, contact Council on 4189 9100.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The February General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st at the Murgon Bowls Club after morning tea at 9.30am. A Guest Speaker will be present. The photograph competition is “best holiday photo with you in it”.

The March Coach Tour on Thursday 21st is a Noosa River Cruise with lunch at the Riverdeck Restaurant. The cost is \$85.00p/p, departing Murgon at 6.30am onto Kingaroy, Goomeri & Kilkivan.

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Dolly takes off her top and says, look at these, they're the most perfect breasts God ever created and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day, for eternity. The Angel thanks Dolly and asks Her Majesty the same question.

The Queen takes a bottle of wine out of her purse, drinks it down, then wees into a toilet and pulls the lever. The Angel says OK, Your Majesty you may go in. Dolly is outraged and asks, What was that all about?

I show you two of God's own perfect creations and you turn me down. She wees into a toilet and she gets in ! Would you explain that to me?

Sorry Dolly, says the Angel, but even in Heaven, a Royal Flush beats a Pair – no matter how big they are.

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Kathy's Comments

Australia Day Awards

It was a privilege to stand beside our wonderful volunteers at the Australia Day Ceremony in Blackbutt and then again the next day when some attended local services. It was fantastic to see Scott Prendergast receive Citizen of the Year and the Murgon Rotary Club, Jim Kingston, Richard Bridges and Estelle Buckley all receive South Burnett Awards. Congratulations also to all of the MBDA recipients and to Kathy Crane who won the Proston/Hivesville Local Achiever. The events that I attended were fantastic. It was amazing to see Kathy Hayes ride on a horse from Stonelands to Hivesville and arrive for the ceremony around 7.00am. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum put on a great morning in Murgon. I love every year to be part of the Scouts flag raising ceremony followed by damper and the traditional game of cricket. The event at Boondooma was really well attended with people busing from around the region. Well done to everyone who helped to organise these events around our region.

Hivesville Pink Stump Days

Congratulations to Garin Muirhead from Covertly on the idea of running a Pink Stumps Day at the Hivesville Markets. It was fantastic to see the cricket pitch and grounds being used again to play a good old fashioned fun game of cricket. I think everyone had a great time and the money raised went to a good cause, the McGrath Foundation. It was also really good to be able to add this to the Hivesville Markets.

Proston Men's Shed

Recently I travelled to Gayndah with our new CEO, Mark Pitt, and some of the members of the Proston Men's Shed to have a look at the Gayndah shed. It is a very similar building to the one that the Proston men plan to erect. It was great to have a look at what they are doing and one key activity is to give travellers a cup of tea and share a yarn. They said that the word has spread and it has become a real tourist attraction. I think that there is the same opportunity in Proston to help and support local men but also to attract people to our community. I can't wait to see their shed up and running.

Rural Ag Network Meeting

I was pleased to be one of the Guest Speakers at the recent Ag Network Meeting at Tablelands. These meetings are organised by BIEDO and I think they are a very valuable way for the rural people in our region to share ideas and gather information. I would like to congratulate Kristy Frahm for leading this initiative.

Change to Transfer Station Opening Hours

I am really disappointed that we have had to revert to manning our local Murgon and Wondai Transfer Stations and cutting back the hours. This is due to the introduction of the State waste disposal levy which means we now have to track the commercial waste disposed of at our Transfer Stations. There was a survey put out to help decide the opening hours. We are working in with Wondai so that if the transfer station is closed at one place it should be open at the other one. Once again my apologies for this change as I think that what we had was working really well.

Real Life Barambah

This is an initiative by the Barambah Ministers Association to try to encourage more Christianity in our region. It is a chance for young people to get involved as there will be concerts, discussions and ministry on the weekend of the 29 to 31st of March. I would like to encourage all of the parents to try to get



their kids along and listen to Bill Newman who is an international evangelist. It is all happening at the PCYC in Murgon. Contact reallifebarambah@gmail.com if you want further details or phone Bruce Wilding on 0419137697.

Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp

Hats off to the 30 odd volunteers from the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group for their hard work putting on this fun filled weekend. This event attracts thousands of people from around our region and beyond and is a great weekend particularly for families. Congratulations everyone involved on another great event.

School Leadership Ceremonies

I have been privileged to be involved in a number of the local school leadership ceremonies.

As the year rolls on I would like to wish all of the new school leaders all the very best for the coming year.

Water Study

The South & North Burnett have received one million dollars each to advance a water study. We are grateful for this long overdue plan for future water infrastructure to ensure long term sustainability. There have been some great inputs from our community including the Barlil Weir. There will be further community consultation so I encourage anyone interested to please make sure you have some input.

Contact Details

As always I am working on following up jobs and concerns that have been brought to my attention. Please contact me if you have an issue or wish to make an appointment.

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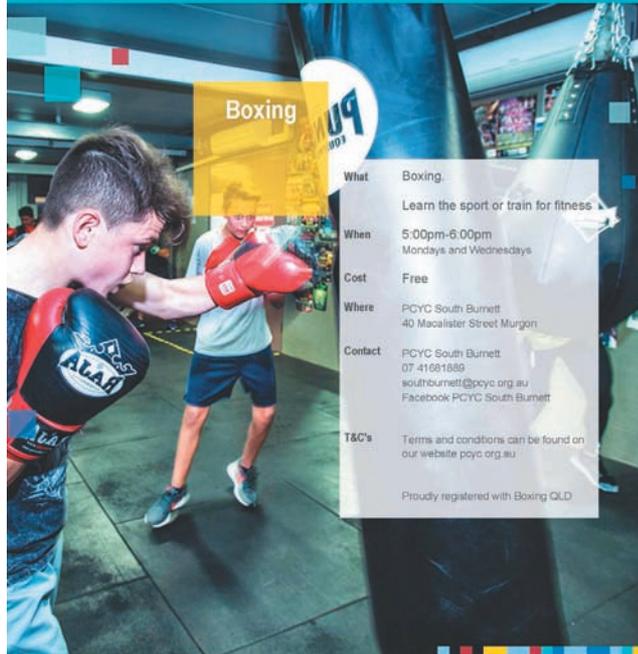
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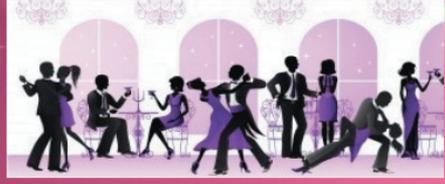
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IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE NOW FOR FARMING HOUSEHOLDS AND COMMUNITIES

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging drought affected farming families and employees in the South Burnett to access assistance through the Liberal Nationals Government's \$30 million Drought Community Support Initiative.

The practical Community Support packages of up to \$3000 per household, including up to \$2000 in cash and \$1000 in vouchers, are being distributed to people in drought declared local government areas.

"A fundamental part of this support is that vouchers are to be redeemed at local businesses," Mr O'Brien said.

"This injection of money in rural and regional communities will help boost local businesses because it is not just farmers who are doing it tough during this crippling drought. Drought impacts on local businesses, their cash flow and their employees so this targeted assistance is important to them too.

Supporting farming households, communities and businesses to help keep people living and working on the land and in their towns is critical to the health and prosperity of the entire country.

"Regional Australia accounts for around two-thirds of our nation's exports and employs hundreds of thousands of Australians. The Liberal Nationals Government is backing the regions all the way, during the tough times as well as the good."

Minister for Regional Services, and Nationals Senator for Victoria, Bridget McKenzie said getting practical support to those facing financial pressure because of the severe, long-term drought was a top priority.

"I am pleased to confirm the \$30 million Drought Community Support Initiative is up and running," Minister McKenzie said.

"It provides immediate assistance to at least 10,000 farming households facing hardship because of the drought.

"We are continuing to work with trusted not-for-profit organisations and I am pleased that The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society and Rotary Australia World Community Service are delivering this assistance on behalf of the Liberal & Nationals Government.

"These community organisations are experienced in delivering cash and vouchers and, importantly, can provide immediate relief across all of the eligible Local Government Areas.

To be eligible to receive this assistance, an individual from a household must be 18 years or older, a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who lives or works in one of the 81 eligible Local Government Areas and suffering financial hardship as a result of the drought.

The Drought Community Support Initiative was announced by the Australian Government at the National Drought Summit on 26 October 2018.

The initiative is a stream under the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities' Drought Communities Program, which supports the most drought-affected regions of Australia by funding eligible Local Government Areas for local infrastructure projects and other drought-relief activities.

The Liberal & Nationals Government has committed almost \$7 billion for drought support including more than \$25 million to improve mental health services in drought-affected areas.

For more information about eligibility and accessing support visit:

The Salvation Army: 24 hour assistance line: 02 8757 8088 salvos.org.au/drought

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Government drought support: www.agriculture.gov.au/drought

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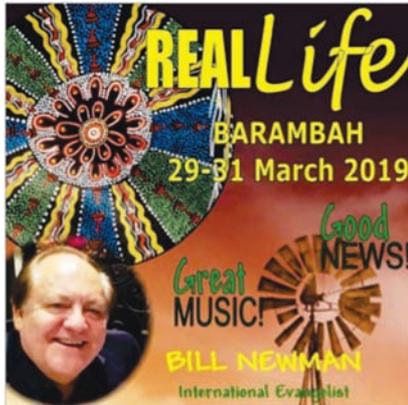
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On behalf of the combined Barambah churches, I am writing to introduce a series of events planned for our community called **Real Life Barambah**. The goal of the **Real Life Barambah** rallies is to present a strong message of hope through the evangelistic work of Bill Newman and to pray for positive personal and community transformation. Our goal is enthusiastically endorsed by our Patron, the Deputy Mayor of SBRC, Kathy Duff. We expect this to be a joyful and refreshing time with real outcomes of improvement for our region.

Our plans include holding rallies over three days, 29th to 31st March, 2019, and having the motivational ministry/band "Iron and Clay" visit children and youth in schools the week leading up. Dynamic contemporary music for all ages will feature in the meetings. We hope local groups will take the opportunity to participate in our "Battle of the Bands". Individuals and churches are contributing, however we see the need "to throw the net for support a little wider."

Expenses of professional artists, venue hire, sound and lights and advertising require sponsorship and help which is the key for success of these series of events which we believe our community will see lives transformed permanently. It is our belief and prayer that your involvement in this significant local event, will be satisfying and rewarding for you in various ways other than financially alone. I am happy to discuss any financial amount you may wish to fund us with. For those wishing to contribute now, We have a **National Australia Bank Real Life Barambah BSB 084 842**, Account Number 983 995 538.

We are also happy to discuss other ways you may support bringing "Real Life" to Barambah. You can contact us: Phone Event Co-Ordinator Bruce Wilding 0419 137 697; or Email us at reallifebarambah@gmail.com or talk to me, Maree Watson RLB Fundraiser on 0428 681 823.

February garden club meeting

The meeting was held in a cool spot under Mary Mitchell's home, thank you Mary.

Hugh Brier from Kingaroy DAFQ gave his talk and showed his photos on Plants, Insects and landscapes.

He spoke on the beauty of insects in our area and the natural beauty of the South Burnett while he showed his selection of photographs - he told anecdotes, and added humour to his photography which focused on the unknown beauty in everyday.

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